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STATE SWIMMING POOLS SET TO OPEN FOR SEASON

Openings In Time For Expected Hot Weather

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) today announced plans to open an additional 26 swimming pools in time for the hot weather expected this weekend. DCR previously announced the opening of several spray and wading pools for Memorial Day Weekend. This weekend state-owned and operated deep water pools will be open and staffed with lifeguards. DCR Commissioner Burrington said "I am happy to see so many pools opening up this weekend on Father's Day. We are expecting very hot and humid weather so I encourage everyone to take a dip and cool off in our pools."

The 26 pools opening on Saturday June 17th include Cass Memorial Pool in Roxbury, Olsen Pool in Hyde Park, Reilly Pool in Cleveland Circle and Brighton-Allston Pool in Brighton, Dealtry Memorial Pool in Watertown, Latta Brothers Memorial Pool in Somerville, McCrehan Pool in Cambridge, Veteran's Memorial (Magazine) Pool in Cambridge, Allied Veteran's Memorial Pool in Everett, Hall Memorial Pool in Stoneham, Holland Memorial Pool in Malden, Lloyd Memorial Pool in Melrose, Sean P. Eugene Casey Memorial Pool in Milford, Veteran's Memorial Pool in Fall River, Geisler Memorial Pool in Lawrence, Lt. Colonel Edward J. Higgins Pool in Lawrence, Raymond Lord Pool in Lowell, The Bennett Field Pool and the Dennis F Shine Memorial Pool in Worcester, The Andrew J. Petro Swimming Pool in Southbridge, The Gerald J. Mason Memorial Pool in Agawam, the Sara Jane Sherman Pool in Chicopee, the John H. Thomas Memorial Pool in Springfield, The Gustave Johnson Memorial Swimming Pool in Fitchburg, the Leominster State Pool in Leominster and the Philip Weihl Memorial Pool in Clinton.

The Dilboy Memorial Pool in Somerville will remain closed due to a plumbing malfunction and is expected to open next week. **However the spray pool at Dilboy will be open for toddlers.** For residents in the area alternative swimming areas near Dilboy that will be open this weekend include Sandy Beach on the Mystic Lakes which is a short walk from Dilboy and is accessible from Mystic Valley Parkway or by public transportation, Latta Pool adjacent to Foss Park in Somerville or McCrehan Pool in Cambridge on Rindge Avenue.

While the beginning of spring and the opening of beaches and pools is an exciting time, DCR urges recreational users to practice safe water use:

- 1 Parents should watch young children at all times especially at beaches that do not yet have lifeguards
- 2 No one should swim alone
- 3 Severe weather conditions, especially lightning can create hazardous swimming situations
- 4 Be aware of rip currents at ocean beaches
- 5 Practice sun safety: always wear sun screen and avoid direct sun exposure
- 6 Read posted signs and warnings and always wear a personal floatation device when using kayaks, canoes or motor boats.

Pools are open from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m., seven days a week. However, hours may vary at certain facilities depending on use. DCR recommends checking with local pools for specific hours. A list of all DCR facilities and their contact info is available by visiting their website <http://www.massparks.org>.

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DCR Swimming Pools Listed by Town/Neighborhood:

Boston Neighborhoods

Brighton

Brighton-Allston Swimming and Wading Pool, North Beacon St., (617) 254-2965

Reilly Memorial Swimming Pool, 355 Chestnut Hill Ave., Cleveland Circle, (617) 277-7822; or (617) 698-1802

Hyde Park

Olsen Swimming and Wading Pool, 95 Turtle Pond Parkway, (617) 364-9524; or (617) 698-1802

Roxbury

Cass Memorial Swimming Pool, Washington Street, (617) 445-9519

Cambridge Neighborhoods

McCrehan Memorial Swimming and Wading Pool, 359 Rindge Ave.,
(617) 354-9154

Veterans Memorial Swimming and Wading Pool (Magazine Beach), 719
Memorial Dr., (617) 354-9381

Listed by Community

Agawam

Gerald J. Mason Memorial Swimming Pool, Armory Street, (413) 786-
6254

Chicopee

Sara Jane Sherman Memorial Swimming Pool, Meadow Street, (413)
594-5376

Clinton

Philip Weihs Memorial Swimming Pool, Rte. 110, (978) 365-4684

Everett

Allied Veterans Memorial Swimming and Wading Pool, 65 Elm St.,
(617) 626-4973

Fall River

Veteran's Memorial Swimming Pool, Eastern Ave., (508) 679-8830

Fitchburg

Gustave Johnson Memorial Swimming Pool, 35 Wanoosnock Ave.,
(978) 342-6510

Lawrence

Geisler Memorial Swimming Pool, 50 High Street, (978) 687-1024

Lt. Colonel Edward J. Higgins Swimming Pool, Crawford Street, (978)
687-0393

Leominster

Leominster State Swimming Pool, Viscoloid Ave., (978) 537-8268

Lowell

Raymond Lord Memorial Swimming Pool, Fletcher St, (978) 459-7370

Malden

Holland Memorial Swimming and Wading Pool, 108 Mountain Ave.
(781) 324-9350

Melrose

Lloyd Memorial Swimming Pool, 49 Tremont St., (781) 979-0047

Milford

Sean. P. Eugene Casey Memorial Swimming Pool, Rte. 140/Prospect
Street, (508) 473-5998

Somerville

Latta Brothers Memorial Swimming and Wading Pool, McGrath
Highway, (617) 666-9236

Southbridge

Andrew J. Petro Swimming Pool, Gilbrater Field, Randolph St., (508)
764-7352

Springfield

John H. Thomas Memorial Swimming Pool, Blunt Park Rd., (413) 736-
7699

Stoneham

Hall Memorial Swimming and Wading Pool, North Border Rd., (781)
438-9888

Watertown

Dealtry Memorial Swimming and Wading Pool, Pleasant Street, (617)
923-0073

Worcester

Bennett Field Swimming Pool, 1260 Main St., (508) 792-5515

Dennis F. Shine Memorial Swimming Pool, 184 Providence Hwy, (508)
792-0727

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